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6TH ANNUAL VARSITY-ALUMNI GAME THIS SATURDAY
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MISSOULA--

The 6th annual University of Montana alumni football game takes place at Dornblaser Stadium, Saturday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The series record going into the game stands at 2-1-1 in favor of the varsity.

Saturday's game will be the final get together of the spring for the 1978 Grizzlies. The team works out Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week before the Saturday contest.

"After four weeks of practice and playing against each other, it will be good for us to play a common opponent," UM Head Football Coach Gene Carlson said. "We've made a great deal of progress this spring but we still have a long ways to go. We have had more depth this spring than we've had before and that has helped tremendously," Carlson said.

Carlson said the most important objective this Saturday is to develop team unity.

"We hope this game will help in developing a oneness that will carry into the fall. It's great for the alumni to come back and get reacquainted with former teammates as well as meet the current team. For the first time this spring we'll be playing as a full team and we're looking forward to the opportunity," Carlson said.

The Grizzlies held their final intra-squad scrimmage of the spring last Friday as the Copper team met the White team. The teams were equally divided and six touchdowns were scored in the game. Freshman running back Darrell Bell had a 45-yard run from the line of scrimmage and running backs Doug Egbert and Grant Kleckner performed well in the backfield.

The team is in good health other than one injury sustained Friday. Late in the scrimmage, freshman quarterback Rocky Klever suffered a broken bone on the little-finger side of his left hand. The hand (not his throwing hand) has been casted and Klever is not

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expected to play in the alumni game. According to UM athletic trainer Naseby Rhinehart, the injury is expected to heal with no complications. With junior quarterback Tim Kerr sidelined all spring as he has been recovering from knee surgery, sophomore Bob Boyes is the probable starter at quarterback for the varsity.

Another outstanding group of former Grizzlies return this weekend for the game and reunion. Three members of NFL teams will be on hand for the game. Barry Darrow of the Cleveland Browns, Walt Brett of the Atlanta Falcons, and the newest addition, Terry Falcon of the New England Patriots will be in Missoula for the game. Steve Okoniewski, a former NFL player now in the Canadian Football League, and Tuufuli Uperesa, a former Canadian Football League standout, will also be here for the game.

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PROBABLE STARTING LINEUPS

UM Varsity Offense

WR-Vern Kelly, Jr. (6-0, 170)
LT-John Price, Jr. (6-1, 230)
LG-Tim Hook, Jr. (6-2, 235)
C--Guy Bingham, So. (6-2, 235)
RG-Mark Eickelmann, Jr. (6-1, 225)
RT-Jim Duff, Jr. (6-1, 248)
TE-Allen Green, So. (6-2, 230)
QB-Bob Boyes, So. (5-11, 170)
TB-Monty Bullerdick, Jr. (5-10, 180)
FB-Grant Kleckner, Jr. (6-0, 195)
FL-Jim Hard, Jr. (5-11, 180)

UM Varsity Defense

RE-Sam Martin, So. (6-4, 220)
RT-Brett Barrick, Fr. (6-5, 220)
LT-Steve Fisher, Jr. (6-4, 240)
LE-Robbie Dews, So. (6-0, 215)
ROLB-Barry Sacks, So. (5-11, 175)
MLB-Carm Carteri, Jr. (6-2, 215)
LOLB-Kent Clausen, So. (6-5, 225)
RCB-Scot Ferda, So. (5-10, 165)
SS-Mike Johnson, Jr. (6-2, 190)
FS-Kelly Johnson, So. (6-1, 187)
LCB-Greg Dunn, So. (5-11, 178)

UM Alumni Defense

RE-Jim Nordstrom, 1970 (6-3, 212)
RT-Jim Leid, 1971 (6-3, 240)
LT-Steve Okoniewski, 1971 (6-4, 265)
LE-John Talalotu, 1969 (5-9, 215)
RLB-Bruce Carlson, 1977 (6-1, 195)
MLB-Ron Rosenberg, 1974 (6-4, 255)
LLB-Dave Manovich, 1973 (6-0, 200)
CB-Robin Peters, 1971 (6-1, 190)
SS-Jeff Carlson, 1977 (5-10, 165)
FS-Greg Anderson, 1976 (5-9, 175)
CB-Roy Robinson, 1969 (5-11, 190)

UM Alumni Offense

WR-Cleve McDonald, 1976 (6-2, 185)
LT-Dan Sullivan, 1976 (6-5, 240)
LG-Walt Brett, 1975 (6-5, 265)
C--Ron Lebsock, 1977 (6-3, 220)
RG-Terry Falcon, 1977 (6-4, 268)
or Tuufuli Uperesa, 1969 (6-3, 245)
RT-Murray Pierce, 1977 (6-6, 265)
TE-Jim Hann, 1972 (6-1, 210)
QB-Van Troxel, 1975 (5-10, 175)
TB-Sparky Kotke, 1972 (5-8, 185)
FB-Mike Mickey, 1976 (6-0, 200)
FL-Randy Ogden, 1977 (6-0, 170)

Other players on the alumni roster are Bob Eustance (1976), Terry Pugh (1971), John Waxham (1970), Curt Donner (1973), Steve Taylor (1973), Mick Dennehy (1972), Larry Stranahan (1970), Glenn Schmasow (1975), Brian Gallagher (1962), Rich Border (1975), Jim Olson (1975), Rusty Vincent (1976), Bob Smith (1974), Tom McMahon (1970), Glenn Welch (1972), Barry Darrow (1972), Pat Schruth (1970), and Pat Dolan (1970).

Alumni Coaches: Larry Stranahan (1970), Mick Dennehy (1972), Glenn Schmasow (1975) and Casey Reilly (1971).

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